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RECOGNIZING DR. BARBARA
SHANNON-BANNISTER

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 10, 2017

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor today to recognize the accomplishments of a dear friend of mine, Dr. Barbara Shannon-Bannister, who will be receiving the 'Trailblazer Award' at the 32nd Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Business Awards.

Dr. Shannon-Bannister has a proven record of dedicated civil service, with a career that has benefitted community relations in Aurora, Colorado since 1987. Dr. Shannon-Bannister's position as Division Chief of Community Relations has given her the opportunity to coordinate social relations throughout Aurora and the great State of Colorado. An advocate for civil rights, Dr. Shannon-Bannister's work has

impacted the lives of underserved, minority youth by providing activities in their neighborhoods.

Additionally, she is President and CEO of a non-profit organization, Grand Design INC. This foundation works to preserve African American culture through community outreach, hosting concerts and visual art performances.

In celebrating the legacy and work of Dr. King, I can think of no one better to receive such a prestigious award. Congratulations to Dr. Shannon-Bannister on this excellent achievement.

IN RECOGNITION OF JOHN ROTZ

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize a local businessman in Virginia's 10th District, John Rotz, who will be retiring and passing along his business to his son Jason. Rotz Pharmacy is a landmark in Winchester and is the only independent pharmacy left in the area. John Rotz has quite the entrepreneurial history and a pharmaceutical background.

Mr. Rotz was the son of a pharmacist and from a young age was passionate about helping others. At the age of 23, while still studying at the Medical College of Virginia, he opened up his first pharmacy in 1976, Barry's Drug Store. Despite his age and lack of resources, Mr. Rotz always maintained a strong work ethic and customer-first attitude and was able to expand to a larger location after only 2 years of operation. This location, which changed to Medical Circle Pharmacy, was open for 26 years before the pharmacy moved to Amherst Street and became Rotz Pharmacy in 2004. Over the years, Mr. Rotz never lost sight of the core values of a family-owned small business, and the store is widely recognized for its traditional feel.

In today's society, family owned small businesses are crucial to the future of our nation. It is families like the Rotz family who help foster strong, local economies by establishing successful business practices that can be carried out for generations.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in applauding John Rotz for his dedication to serving our community for so many years. I wish Mr. Rotz the best in retirement and wish Jason all the best in managing the pharmacy.